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[redacted] received [redacted] exit permit approximately three weeks after applying.  
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50X1 2. The permit was a piece of white paper about 6" x 8" open, folded to make a double sheet about 6" x 4". On the front cover was Chinese text in large type which [redacted] the name of the issuing authority. The back cover had space for visas. When opened the face showed [redacted] photograph on the middle upper left [redacted] name in English on the top right. The balance of the face consisted of a printed Chinese form with the spaces filled out in Chinese, presumably [redacted] description and other pertinent details.  
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3. The next step after receiving the exit permit is to book passage. [redacted] permit prescribed departure via Canton and [redacted] booked passage accordingly through the China Travel Service. When passage has been booked, the passenger takes his permit to the police where it is "chopped" [redacted] "Leaving by train on (date)." Three days before departure date, one's resident's certificate must be surrendered to one's district police station.
4. Also after obtaining the exit permit one must obtain a certificate from the Bank of China covering currency, travellers checks and gold and silver jewelry/ornaments carried. One certificate covers all of these items. [redacted]
5. [redacted] advised to carry the minimum number of documents [redacted] There-fore four or five days before [redacted] took to the police such documents as were of value [redacted] (letters of recommendation from previous employers etc) and turned them over for inspection. They were returned [redacted] in a sealed envelope, and this seal also was honored at subsequent inspections.
6. Twenty-four hours [redacted] delivered two trunks to the railway station to be checked through to Hong Kong. The trunks were thoroughly [redacted] was given checks for them. They were duly delivered in Hong Kong in good order.
7. On the morning of departure [redacted] arrived at the North Station [redacted] railway station four hours before train time, escorted by a Chinese representative of the International Refugee Organization [redacted] and a representative of the China Travel Service. [redacted] up with four or five other foreigners, Portuguese and Russians, who were leaving by the same train, to have [redacted] papers checked by the police. This was done at a small wicket window like a ticket window which opened into one of the offices in the station building. The other foreign travellers were passed without delay after the officer in charge checked their papers against records in his hands. [redacted]
8. When the gate to the passenger loading platform was opened, the police had the Chinese passengers stand aside and allow the foreign passengers to pass first. On the far side of the gate [redacted] lined up in front of a long table for personal and hand baggage examination. Subsequent examinations in Canton and at the Kowloon border followed the same routine. First one emptied one's pockets onto the table. Then in a "hands-up" attitude a thorough personal search was made. [redacted] searcher was particularly careful to examine the collar of [redacted] heavy overcoat, and the crotch and cuffs of my trousers. [redacted] After the personal search was completed, [redacted] hand baggage was emptied and examined minutely. Folded articles, such as shirts, were opened up. The bottoms of suitcases were inspected to make sure nothing was concealed beneath the lining.
9. On boarding the train [redacted] tickets were taken up. [redacted] had three tickets [redacted] the regular train fare ticket, an express train extra fare ticket, and a berth ticket. No inspection of documents was made between Shanghai and Canton.
10. On alighting from the train at Canton, [redacted] subjected to a personal search and [redacted] hand baggage was searched on the station platform but [redacted] papers were not checked. [redacted] met by a representative of the China Travel Service who escorted [redacted] to a hotel to clean up, and then to two police stations, both of which examined [redacted] exit permits and "chopped" them on the back covers.

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50X1 The following morning the China Travel Service man escorted [ ] to the railway  
station where [ ] papers were checked again and [ ] persons and hand baggage  
50X1 searched. On reaching the frontier station [ ] papers were again checked, this  
time by a man in military uniform. Previous checks had all been by police.  
50X1 The military official asked [ ] separately, a few questions bearing on the  
statements in the exit permits. In prior document checks by the police no  
50X1 questions were asked [ ] the police merely satisfied themselves that the  
permits were in order. After document inspection [ ] passed into the  
50X1 Customs shed for personal and baggage inspection by Customs officers, watched  
by police. In the Customs shed are three booths for currency and bullion con-  
50X1 trol use by a branch of the Bank of China. In the first booth the passenger  
surrenders any Communist currency still in his possession; in the second he  
50X1 fills out an authorization to the Bank to pay the amount surrendered to his  
nominee within China; and in the third he surrenders the Bank certificate cover-  
ing foreign currency and/or gold and silver in his possession. From the Customs  
shed one proceeds to a small bridge at the boundary, surrenders one's exit per-  
mit to the Communist control officer and simultaneously presents the authority  
50X1 to enter Hong Kong to the British control officer. [ ] the authority to  
50X1 enter consisted of a British visa granted by the UK Consulate in Shanghai on [ ]  
50X1 IRO passport. The British visa will not be granted unless the applicant can  
satisfy the Consulate that he has a valid visa for some other destination and  
50X1 is only entering Hong Kong as a transient.

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